

House Resolution 1652

By: Representatives Powell of the 29th, Lane of the 158th, Burns of the 157th, and Parrish of the 156th

A RESOLUTION

1 Saluting the business, civic, and community success of Martin W. NeSmith, owner and
2 president of NeSmith Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Pontiac, Inc., of Georgia; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Martin NeSmith, a native Georgian, began his career in the automobile business
5 in 1974, when he, with the help of supporters who believed in him, purchased his first
6 automobile dealership in Claxton, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, in the more than 30 years that have followed, Mr. NeSmith has worked hard to
8 turn around this once struggling dealership and has been so successful that he has never had
9 a losing year, and during the past several years his dealership has consistently had the highest
10 percentage of total gross profit of all dealers in his Dealer 20 Group; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. NeSmith operates with a strong work ethic and spirit of civic duty, and his
12 current dealerships continue to grow and expand, ranking among the top dealerships
13 nationally and employing many residents of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, his business reputation is further enhanced by his selection for the 1997 and 1998
15 Charter Member Chevrolet Genuine Leaders Award, the 1999 General Motors Mark of
16 Excellence, and his nomination for the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award; and

17 WHEREAS, his commitment to community is further demonstrated by his service as a
18 member of the board of directors for the Medical College of Georgia Health, Inc., the Evans
19 County Hospital Authority, and the Georgia Southern University College of Business,
20 member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Claxton-Evans
21 County Chamber of Commerce, and as Chairman of the Board of the Coastal Conservation
22 Association of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, he is a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Claxton and a devoted
2 husband to his wife Suzette Proctor NeSmith and a loving father to their two children
3 Demere and Chadwick; and

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5 WHEREAS, he has been an active member and generous contributor to many civic groups,
6 foundations, and charitable and political organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, Martin NeSmith is an outstanding businessman, civic leader, and public
8 servants and an integral part of the life of his community, and his many contributions to this
9 state are worthy of commendation.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 the members of this body commend Martin W. NeSmith for his many valuable contributions
12 to the citizens of the State of Georgia.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Martin W. NeSmith.